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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wong for the courtesy she extended during the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative. Claims 1-12 and 15-43 are pending the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2010, the PTO noted that Claims 1-12 and 15-27 are allowed. Claims 36-43 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the PTO notes that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, Claims 28, 29, 34, and 35 have been rejected. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants have amended Claim 30 such that it no longer depends on cancelled Claim 28. More particularly, as discussed with Examiner Wong, Claim 30 has been amended to clarify that the fibre-containing pectin product is provided according to the steps set forth in allowed Claim 1. Claims 28, 29, and 34-43 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-12, 15-27, and 30-33 are presented for examination.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the allowance of Claims 1-12 and 15-27.

Allowable Claims

Claims 30-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The PTO further instructs that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 30 has been amended to recite the steps for providing a fibre-containing pectin product from plant material as set forth in allowed Claim 1. Applicants submit that this amendment to Claim 30 obviates the objection. In further view of the amendment to Claim 30, Claims 31-33 no longer depend upon a rejected base claim and are likewise in condition for allowance.

Regarding Claims 28, 29, 34 and 35

Claims 28, 29, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 59-124902 and Owens et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,444,266). Claims 28, 29, 34 and 35 have been cancelled, thus rendering the objection to these claims moot.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

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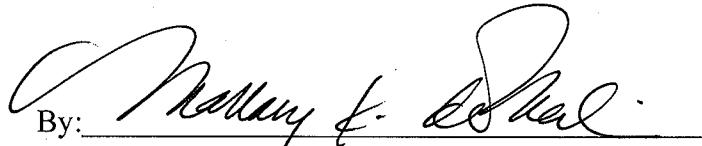
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable and request that they be passed to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any remaining issues may be resolved by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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